

S.B. No. 477 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

H.B. No. 5397 AN ACT DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION.

If everything that leads to untimely death is cause to declare a public health crisis, then food, traffic, single motherhood, bussing, and probably "progressive" legislation should be regulated by the department of health.

I am struck again and again by a sense of bad-faith, ill-will, and downright nastiness in our current world of politics.

It seems that for those against guns, the premise is that anyone who wants to own one must ab initio be deemed to be sick.

This is not a matter of public health.

Gun ownership, as much as some would wish otherwise, is a constitutional right. For some of us who own them, it is the right that ensures, for instance, the rights guaranteed by the first amendment.

If it were just about collecting data, why not give a little extra funding to the police for this purpose?

No, this is turned into a matter of health, and I am by extension accused of being unhealthy.

We are more the same than different. We love our kids. We want to see them grow up safely. Some of us just happen to think that we are safer when we have the ability to defend ourselves and when we can teach our children to respect and use guns only for the purposes they are intended.

Perhaps, if we want to fund a program against gun violence, we should put a range in every school and make sure every child learns to respect the deadly implement that a gun can be.

Yours Truly,

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